

Amendments to the Claims

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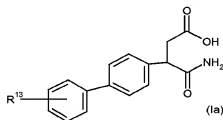
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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What is claimed is:

1. **(Cancelled).**
2. **(Cancelled).**
3. **(Cancelled).**
4. **(Currently Amended)** A compound according to claim 4 11, wherein Z represents a bond or O.
5. **(Currently Amended)** A compound according to claim 4 11 of formula (Ia):



wherein:

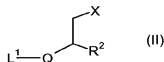
R^{13} is H, halo, CF_3 , $-OCF_3$, cyano, nitro, OR^{14} , SR^{15} or COR^{16} ; and

R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} independently are H, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkylaryl; or physiologically functional derivatives thereof.

6. **(Cancelled).**
7. **(Cancelled).**
8. **(Cancelled).**
9. **(Currently Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 4 11 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

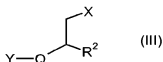
10. **(Currently Amended)** A process for preparation of compounds of formula (I) as defined in claim 4 11, wherein the process comprises:

(A) preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z is a bond and R¹ is an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl, by reacting a compound of formula (II):



wherein R², Q and X are as previously defined for formula (I) and L¹ is a leaving group, with a reagent suitable to introduce the group R¹; or

(B) (i) preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z is O, S, SO, SO₂, NR⁴ or OCR⁴R⁵, by reacting a compound of formula (III):



wherein R², Q and X are as previously defined for formula (I) and Y is OH, SH, NHR⁴ or HOCR⁴R⁵, with a compound of formula (IV):



wherein R¹ is defined above for compounds of formula (I) and L² represents a leaving group; and

(ii) wherein Y is -SH, optionally followed by oxidizing the Y group to the corresponding SO or SO₂ group as required; or

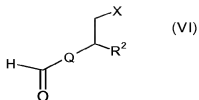
(C) preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z is -CR⁴R⁵O-, by reacting a compound of formula (III), wherein Y is -OH, with a compound of formula (V):



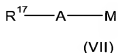
wherein R¹, R⁴, R⁵ are defined above for compounds of formula (I) and L³ represents a leaving group; or

(D) preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z is CH₂ and R¹ is an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl, by reacting

(i) a compound of formula (VI):



wherein Q, X and R² are as defined above, with an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl nucleophile, which is a compound of formula (VII):

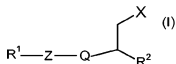


wherein A is a 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl, R¹⁷ is H or one or more substituents and M is a metal and

(ii) reducing and eliminating a resultant or product alcohol formed from step (i);
 and,

(E) optionally deprotecting compounds of formula (I) with a protecting group.

11. **(New)** A compound of formula (I):



wherein:

R¹ is optionally substituted -C₄₋₁₂ alkyl, -C₂₋₁₀alkylcycloalkyl, -C₂₋₆alkylheterocycloalkyl, -C₂₋₆alkylaryl, optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl, provided that R¹ is not pyridinyl;

Z is a bond, CH₂, O, S, SO, SO₂, NR⁴, OCR⁴R⁵ or CR⁴R⁵O; or Z, R¹ and Q together form an optionally substituted fused tricyclic group;

Q is unsubstituted phenyl;

X is COOH;

R² is CONH₂;

R⁴ and R⁵ each independently is H, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkylaryl; or

physiologically functional derivatives thereof; and

further provided that when R¹ is C₄₋₁₂alkyl, Z is other than a bond, O or CH₂.